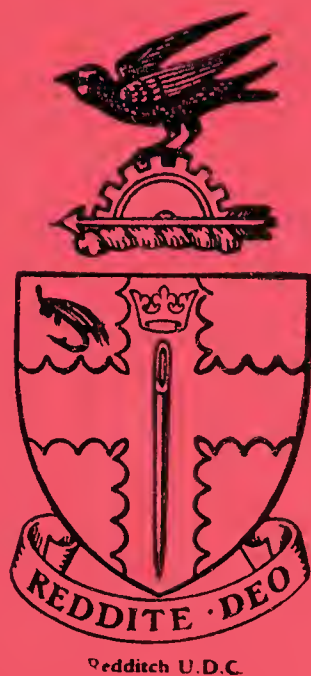




REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Annual Report

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

and

CHEIF PUBLIC HEALTH

INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1967

To the Chairman and Members of the
REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the state of the Public Health in Redditch Urban District for the year ending 31st. December 1967.

VITAL STATISTICS: There was a further small increase in the population. The birth rate was lower than in the previous year. There were 664 live births compared with 756 in 1966. There were only 10 still births, a decrease of four over 1966. The illegitimacy rate was also lower than in the previous year, the percentage of illegitimate live births to total births being 5.8% (7.3% in 1966).

The number of infant deaths was 16 (8 in 1966). Of these 14 were neo-natal deaths i.e. in the first four weeks, and most of them were associated with prematurity or congenital abnormalities. The total number of deaths was 361 (365 in 1966). As in the previous year diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for the highest proportion of deaths.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Of the 530 cases of notifiable disease (other than tuberculosis) 507 were cases of measles. It is hoped that the introduction of measles vaccination will greatly reduce the number of cases of this disease in the future.

There was a fall in the number of cases on the tuberculosis register from 228 in 1966 to 217 in 1967.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The figures show an improvement on the previous year, but I do think that parents should be constantly reminded of the facilities available for protecting their children against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and poliomyelitis.

With the exception of 8 cases of whooping cough there were no cases of these diseases notified in Redditch during 1967, but if this satisfactory state of affairs is to be maintained a high rate of immunisation is necessary.

It is only the older members of the population who will remember the misery and the fatalities caused in the past by these unpleasant diseases.

STAFF: For several months of the year there was no full time Medical Officer of Health and credit is due to Mr. G. H. Champion, the Chief Public Health Inspector, his Deputy Mr. A. Summerfield, and to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their excellent work during a difficult period.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

D.E. THOMPSON

Medical Officer of Health.



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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
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for the year
1967

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Councillor H. Shakels

Vice-Chairman of the Council:

Councillor A. Johnson

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Chairman:

Councillor G. E. Parton

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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. V. A. Lloyd, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

(Resigned July 1967)

G. H. Champion, Cert.S.I.B.,

Chief Public Health Inspector

(Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate of the R.S.H.

Inspector under the Shops Act)

A. Summerfield, Cert.S.I.B.,

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

(Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate of the R.S.H.

Smoke Inspector's Certificate of the R.S.H.)

F.M. Pocock, Cert. P.H.I.B.,

Additional Public Health Inspector

(Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate of the R.S.H.

Smoke Inspector's Certificate of the R.S.H.)

Miss L.A. Kerr, Dip.P.H.I.B.

Additional Public Health Inspector

(Resigned December 1967)

A.S. Campbell, M.R. San.A. (Scotland)

Meat Inspector

M.O. Tuddenham, Cert.P.H.I.B.

Additional Public Health Inspector

(Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate of the R.S.H.)

Mrs. M. M. Arnold - Clerk

Mrs. K. E. Bough - Clerk

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area 12,802 acres

Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid 1967	36,900
Number of inhabited houses, end of 1967	12,102
Rateable Value	£1,459,480
Sum represented by the penny rate	£5, 643

VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated Population	1966	36,780
	1967	36,900

Population figures as quoted from the Annual Reports of the Medical Officers of Health:

<u>Year</u>				<u>Population</u>
1901	...	...	...	13,493
1921	...	...	...	16,530
1931	...	...	...	19,280
1939	...	...	...	22,760
1950	...	...	...	29,110
1951	...	...	...	29,184 Census
1955	...	...	...	30,930
1960	...	...	...	34,440
1961	...	...	...	34,077 Census
1963	...	...	...	35,430
1964	...	...	...	35,960
1965	...	...	...	36,620
1966	...	...	...	36,780
1967	...	...	...	36,900

LIVE BIRTHS: (Figures in brackets are 1966 totals)

LIVE BIRTHS			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	318	307	625
Illegitimate ..	19	20	39
Total	337(405)	327(351)	664(756)

BIRTH RATE: (Births per 1000 population.) A rea Comparability Factor: 0.97

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Crude:	19.87	21.16	21.24	20.55	18.00
Standardised:	19.27	20.53	20.70	19.93	19.57

ILLEGITIMACY RATE: (Total live illegitimate births per 1000 total live births)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
	53.97	60.44	68.21	71.43	70.22

Percentage of illegitimate live births of total births: 5.87%

STILL BIRTHS:

STILL BIRTHS			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	6	4	10
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
Total	6 (8)	4 (6)	10 (14)

STILL BIRTH RATE: (Still births per 1000 live and still births)

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1962</u>
	14.84	18.18	16.45	19.33	18.03

Total live and still births: 674

The Illegitimate birth rate has decreased from 7.33% in 1966 to 5.87% in 1967

The still birth rate has decreased from 18.18 in 1966 to 14.84 in 1967.

DEATHS (1966 figures in brackets)

DEATHS		
M	F	Total
195 (195)	166 (170)	361 (365)

DEATH RATE

(Deaths per 1000 population)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Crude:	11.03	10.12	10.67	9.92	9.8
Standardised:	13.23	12.14	12.49	11.31	11.44
Area Comparability Factor:	1.17				

The principal causes of death with accidental deaths and deaths from tuberculosis for comparison were as follows:-

	% 1966	% 1967
1. Disease of the heart and circulatory system (including intra-cranial vascular lesions)	53.07	52.77
2. Cancer (all forms) & other malignant disease	19.18	21.22
3. Respiratory disease (excluding tuberculosis)	10.20	11.66
Road and other accidents	3.32	2.21
Tuberculosis	0.76	0.83

MATERNAL MORTALITY: There were no deaths due to causes associated with child -birth

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR			
	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ...	9	7	16
Illegitimate...	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	9	7	16

DEATHS OF INFANTS WITHIN FIRST FOUR WEEKS			
	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	7	7	14
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT 1967

CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate/1000 Pop.1966	Mortality Rate/1000 Pop. 1967
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	2	0.026	0.054
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	1	1	0	0.027
3. Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections ..	0	0	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0	0	0
8. Measles	0	0	0	0	0
9. Other Infectious & Parasitic Diseases	0	1	1	0	0.027
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	4	8	0.19	0.22
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	16	0	16	0.46	0.44
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	9	9	0.137	0.243
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	3	3	0	0.081
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	22	14	36	0.84	0.972
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	3	2	5	0.026	0.135
16. Diabetes	2	2	4	0.052	0.108
17. Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	24	39	63	1.37	1.70
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	47	30	77	1.93	2.16
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	2	3	0.104	0.081
20. Other Heart Disease ...	18	20	38	1.144	1.026
21. Other Diseases of the Circulat- ory system:	2	8	10	0.46	0.27
22. Influenza	0	0	0	0.052	0
23. Pneumonia	10	5	15	0.574	0.405
24. Bronchitis	22	5	27	0.82	0.60
25. Other Diseases of the Respira- tory system	0	0	0	0.052	0
26. Ulcer of the stomach and Duodenum	1	0	1	0.130	0.027
27. Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	0	0	0	0.078	0
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	1	3	0.052	0.081
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	1	0	1	0.026	0.027
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	0	0	0	0	0
31. Congenital Malformations	3	1	4	0.052	0.108
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases	9	17	26	0.73	0.702
33. Motor Vehicle accidents ...	3	0	3	0.196	0.081
34. All other accidents ...	4	0	4	0.286	0.108
35. Suicide	0	1	1	0.026	0.027
36. Homicide & Operations of War	0	0	0	0	0
1967	195	166	361		
1966	195	170	365		

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INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY RATES

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1956</u>
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births 	23.94	10.58	12.87	17.96
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1000 legitimate births	23.94	8.54	11.58	19.00
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate births	-	37.03	18.86	-
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 live births	20.93	7.93	7.72	15.77

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS

(N.B. Neonatal deaths in brackets)

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Prematurity 	(9)	(3)	(1)
Broncho pneumonia. 	1	1	(2)
Congenital malformations 	(4)	(1)	3(2)
Asphyxia 	1	-	-
Hydrocephalus 	-	(1)	-
Atelectasis 	-	-	1(1)
Cerebral haemorrhage 	-	(1)	-
Infections 	-	1	1
Meningitis 	(1)	-	-

DEATHS BY AGE

<u>Age in years</u>	<u>1967</u> %	<u>1966</u> %
Under 1 yr	4.24	2.2
1 - 14	.26	.82
15-24	.78	1.08
25-64	32.4	28.76
65 & over	62.32	67.12

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES
 1967
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
 DURING 1967

DISEASE	Under 1 yr.	1-2	3-4	5-	10-	15-24	25-64	65 & over	Age Unknown	TOTAL
Measles	17	110	184	177	2	2	6	-	9	507
Whooping cough	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Scarlet fever	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Diphtheria	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1	2	5	-	-	9
TOTAL	20	112	191	178	3	4	13	-	9	530

TUBERCULOSIS - INCIDENCE and MORTALITY during 1967

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 yr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-4 yrs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-14 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-24 yrs	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-34 yrs	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-44 yrs	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
45-54 yrs	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
55-64 yrs	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
65 and over	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
TOTALS	6 (2)	2 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (2)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December 1967 was:-

Pulmonary..... Male 104
 Female 75
 179

Non-pulmonary... Male 5
 Female 5
 10
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Total on December 31st 1966... Pulmonary... 202
 Non-pulmonary.. 15
 217

IMMUNISATION AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASES

SMALLPOX - Number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during 1967

AGE at date of vaccination	Under 12 months	1yr	2-4	5-15	TOTAL
Primary vaccination	16	323	228	42	609
Re-vaccination	-	-	-	32	32

The number of children who received a Primary course of immunisation during 1967 is as follows:-

Triple Antigen (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough combined) plus oral polio vaccine	673
Diphtheria only	11
Tetanus only	97
Diphtheria & Tetanus combined, plus oral polio vaccine	40
	<u>811</u>

Re-inforcing doses given

Diphtheria only	-
Triple Antigen	591
Tetanus only	94
Diphtheria & Tetanus combined	344
Polio	<u>389</u>
	<u>1418</u>

Of the children born in the Redditch area in 1966:
71% had been immunised with Triple Antigen plus oral polio by the end of 1967.

42% had been vaccinated against Smallpox.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES - Clinic and Treatment Services

CLINIC	SITUATION	TIME OF HOLDING
Bedditch Infant Welfare Centre	Old Vicarage Bromsgrove Road	Wednesday 2.0p.m. Tuesday 2.0p.m.
Batchley Estate Infant Welfare Centre.....	Church Hall Batchley Estate	1st., 2nd and 4th. Wednesday... 2.0p.m.
Obbeydale Infant Welfare Centre	Brook Street Arrow Social Club	2nd. and 4th. Thursday at..... 2.0p.m.
Webheath Infant Welfare Centre	Village Hall Webheath	3rd. Wednesday at 2.0p.m.
Astwood Bank Infant Welfare Centre	Church Hall Astwood Bank	2nd. and 4th. Monday at 2.30p.m.
Greenlands Infant Welfare Centre	Church Hall Greenlands Estate	1st and 3rd. Tuesday at 2.0p.m.
Headless Cross Infant Welfare Centre	Methodist Church Headless Cross	1st. and 3rd. Monday at 2.0p.m.
Crabbs Cross Infant Welfare Centre.....	Star & Garter Reception Room, Crabbs Cross	3rd. Friday at 2.0p.m.
Shool Clinic	Old Vicarage	1st. Thursday 9.30a.m.
Diometrical Clinic	Old Vicarage	By appointment
Gynaecological Cytology Clinic	Old Vicarage	By appointment 3rd. Friday
Gynaecology Clinic	Old Vicarage	By appointment Wed. afternoon
Mental Clinic	Old Vicarage	By appointment daily
Post-Natal Clinic	Old Vicarage	Monday 2.0p.m.
Speech Therapist Clinic	Old Vicarage	Tues. 9.30a.m. All day Wed and Friday.
Ophthalmic Clinic	Old Vicarage	Tuesday morning
Family Planning Clinic	Old Vicarage	Tuesday 5.30 - 8.0p.m.
Relaxation and Mothercraft	Old Vicarage	Thursday afternoon
Children's Department	Old Vicarage	Wednesday 10a.m. - 12a.m. Friday 2p.m. - 4p.m.
Home Help Supervisor	Old Vicarage	Daily Monday to Friday
Family & Social Welfare Assoc.	Old Vicarage	Monday 10.30a.m. to 5.30p.m.

MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING: Three agencies provide the midwifery services for the district: 1. The family doctor - ante-natal & post-natal care and home confinements.

2. The County Council: ante-natal clinics & district midwives

3. The Regional Hospital Board: hospitals for delivery and treatment

The County Council provided nurse-midwives who attended general nursing and midwifery cases in the home.

HEALTH VISITING

The County Council continued to provide a Health Visiting Service. The Health Visitors serving the district are:-

Miss B.P. Cramp, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Miss V. J. Crow, S.R.N., H.V. Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Miss D.H. Edwards, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., F.R.N., 152 Heathfield Road, Webheath.
Mrs. Freeling, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Mrs. I. Lowe, R.G.N., S.R.F.N., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Miss M. Pike, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Miss A. Potter, S.R.N., Q.I.D.N.S., H.V. 6 Church Road, Webheath.
Miss Stanley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Mrs. Wood, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.

SCHOOL HEALTH

The County Council continued to provide an extensive school health service; School Medical Officers carried out inspections of children, and Regular Minor Ailment Clinics were held at the Old Vicarage Clinic, Bromsgrove Road. Specialist, Ophthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinics were also held. A full time Assistant School Dental Officer was available.

SMALLPOX & POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION: DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH & TETANUS IMMUNISATION

The County Council continued to provide this service.

LABORATORY FACILITIES: Bacteriological and virological investigations were carried out for the department by Worcester Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Special investigations were carried out by the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale and chemical analyses by the County Laboratory, Worcester.

HOSPITALS: The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:

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|--------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. Infectious Diseases | | Hayley Green Isolation Hospital, Halesowen
Little Bromwich Fever Hospital.
Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester. |
| 2. Maternity | | Bromsgrove General Hospital
Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge
Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport
Avonside Hospital, Evesham. |
| 3. General Medical & Surgical Cases: | | Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Bromsgrove General Hospital
Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Various Birmingham Hospitals |
| 4. Children's Diseases | .... | Children's Hospital, Birmingham. |
| 5. Aged. Chronic Sick | | Bromsgrove General Hospital; Avonside, Evesham;
Blakebrook Hospital, Kidderminster. |
| 6. Venereal Diseases | .... | The General Hospital, Birmingham |
| 7. Mental Illnesses | .... | Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove |

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Council continued to subscribe to the Council for Health Education whose services were utilised during the year.

HOME HELP SERVICE: This service is now organised by the County Council and is run locally through an office at The Old Vicarage Bromsgrove Road under an area organiser.

WELFARE: The County Welfare Officer continued under the direction of the County Council with headquarters in Redditch.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The W.V.S. continued to provide this service, and from the centre in Redditch a total of 12,869 meals were served during the year an increase of 1,250 on last year.

The centre at Astwood Bank served a total of approximately 1,446 meals during the year.

H O U S I N G

The housing figures for 1967 are as follows:-

Number of houses built by Council during year	.....	30
Number of houses built by private enterprise	.....	61
Number of houses under construction by Council	.....	94
Number of houses under construction by private enter- prise.	.....	28
Number of houses under construction by Redditch Develop- ment Corporation ....	.....	171
Total number of post-war Council houses built	.....	2,673

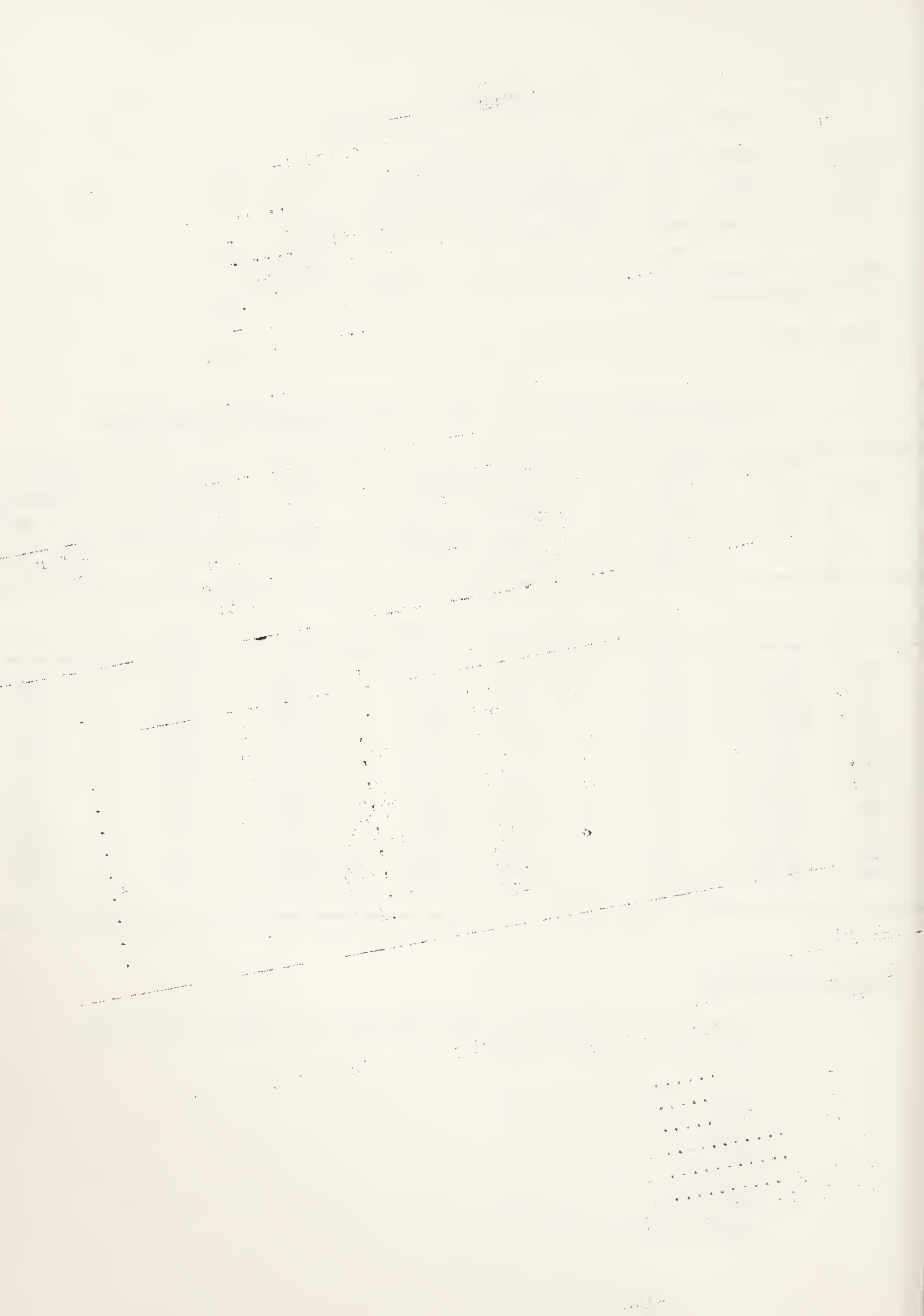
Population in relation to the number of inhabited dwellings:

Year	Popula- tion (Estim- ated)	Increase or decrease in Population	Natural increase (Births less deaths)	Increase by immigra- tion	Units of accommo- dation	Increase in units of accommo- dation	Number of persons per unit of accom- modation
1948	27,900	1,220	199	1,023	8,265	211	3.04
1953	30,490	130	248	-118	9,456	195	3.22
1958	33,120	900	235	665	10,332	107	3.21
1960	34,440	560	255	305	10,763	198	3.21
1961	34,077	363	328	---	11,042	279	3.08
1962	34,780	703	312	391	11,408	366	3.04
1963	35,430	650	303	347	11,716	308	3.02
1964	35,960	530	397	133	11,885	169	3.02
1965	36,620	660	386	274	11,973	88	3.06
1966	36,780	166	391	-231	12,083	110	3.04
1967	36,900	120	283	-163	12,123	40	3.04

Medical Priorities

15 persons were granted housing priority on medical grounds for the reasons stated below:

Heart disease	.....	5
Chest "	.....	4
Chest & heart	.....	1
Disabled	.....	2
Asthma	.....	1
Colostomy	.....	1
Psychological illness		1



REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Redditch Urban District Council.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my twenty-ninth annual report and details of inspections made and improvements effected are as follows:-

INSPECTIONS

Agricultural Act	-	.....	49
Accumulations found	-	.....	23
Animals kept	- Piggeries	.....	11
	- Fowls, Pigeons, etc	.....	7
Complaints	- Tot.No.investigated(all premises)	.....	835
Cottager's pigs	- No.of notifications of slaughter	.....	3
	- No.of pigs inspected	.....	3
Drainage	- No.of drains found choked	.....	135
	- No.of drains found defective	.....	64
	- No.of drains tested	.....	194
	- Visits to work in progress	.....	310
	- Visits to premises re cesspools	.....	81
Dwelling houses	- Visits re Improvement Grants	.....	411
	- No.of inspections re repairs	.....	391
	- Re-inspections	.....	633
	- No.inspected re overcrowding	.....	62
	- No.found dirty	.....	6
	- No.found verminous (premises)	.....	12
	- No.found verminous (persons)	.....	-
	- No.of systematic inspections	.....	312
	- Houses in multi-occupation	.....	94
	- Small Dwellings Acquisition Act	.....	87
Rodent Control	- No.of premises visited	.....	2126
	- No.of infestations found	.....	484
	- Total number of visits	.....	2666
Infectious Diseases	- Visits re Scarlet Fever	.....	19
	- Visits re Diphtheria	.....	-
	- Visits re Other Diseases	.....	82
Factories	- With mechanical power	.....	42
	- Without mechanical power	.....	-
	- Bakehouses	.....	4
	- Other premises	.....	6
Food Premises	- Butchers shops	.....	96
	- Bacon factory	.....	384
	- Confectioners	.....	23
	- Markets	.....	107
	- Fishmongers & fried fish shops	.....	43
	- Greengrocers and grocers	.....	417
	- Licensed premises	.....	134
	- Ice cream vendors & manufacturers	.....	146
	- Ice cream samples taken	.....	28
	- Preparation of potted meat, etc	.....	2
	- Restaurants, cafe kitchens and factory canteens	.....	83

Knacker's Yard	-	...	20
Shops Act	-	...	73
Shops, Offices & Railway Premises Act	-	...	764
Noise Abatement	-	...	254
Smoke Abatement	-	No.of observations	34
	-	Inspection of premises	64
Tents, vans, sheds, etc	-	...	194
Water supplies	-	Visits to premises re wells	93
Local Authority Premises	-	Tips	95
	-	Sewage Works	22
	-	Sanitary Conveniences	31
	-	Swimming Baths	25
	-	Swimming bath samples taken	24
Miscellaneous Visits	-		1497

Total number of inspections :-

10,925

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 42 applications for grant were approved and the total amount approved for grant was £6.074,19.0. Of these, 4 applications were for discretionary grants, an average of £263.15.0 per house and 38 were for standard grants, an average of £132.2.1 per house. Details of grants issued are as follows:-

DISCRETIONARY

122, Oakly Road, Redditch.	£300
124, " " "	£300
Lane House Cottage, Tippings Hill, Hunt End.	£350
Meadow Farm, Alcester Road, Feckenham.	£105

STANDARD

170, Birchfield Road, Redditch.	£119. 10. 0
21, Butler Street, Astwood Bank.	£130. 0. 0
Callow Hill Cottage, Callow Hill.	£115. 0. 0
Holly Cottage, Church Road, Webheath.	£155. 0. 0
439, Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross.	£155. 0. 0
445, " " " "	£155. 0. 0
435, " " " "	£155. 0. 0
131, " " Headless Cross.	£155. 0. 0
459, Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross.	£130. 0. 0
369, " " " "	£155. 0. 0
371, " " " "	£155. 0. 0
1328, " " Astwood Bank.	£120. 0. 0
97, Enfield Road, Hunt End.	£130. 0. 0
103, " " " "	£155. 0. 0
23, Feckenham Road, Astwood Bank.	£155. 0. 0
25, " " " "	£155. 0. 0
161, Heathfield Road, Webheath.	£155. 0. 0
82, " " " "	£155. 0. 0

45, Holloway Lane, Redditch.	£145.	0.	0
35, Lodge Road, "	£40.	0.	0
37, " " "	£40.	0.	0
27, " " "	£66.	0.	0
128, Mount Pleasant, "	£155.	0.	0
114, " " "	£20.	0.	0
17, Mount Street, "	£130.	0.	0
17, Millsboro' Road, "	£145.	0.	0
142, Other Road, "	£155.	0.	0
112, " " "	£145.	0.	0
99, " " "	£155.	0.	0
17, Parsons Road, "	£59.	0.	0
25, Prospect Road, "	£155.	0.	0
27, " " "	£155.	0.	0
29, " " "	£155.	0.	0
56, South Street, "	£130.	0.	0
15, " " "	£155.	0.	0
"Leow", Weaver's Hill, Hunt End.	£135.	0.	0
The Nest, " " " "	£120.	0.	0
Yew Tree Cottage, Astwood Bank.	£155.	0.	0

WATER SUPPLIES

Water is supplied throughout the district by the East Worcestershire Water-works Co. 8 samples of mains water were taken for analysis, which were satisfactory.

Of the 12,086 occupied premises in the district 99.7% have a mains supply and only 36 premises are using wells. A mains extension was carried out during the year to enable the wells for 12 houses to be abolished. These houses were transferred from the Bromsgrove R.D.C. in April and water samples from the wells were found to be grossly polluted.

As a result of the slum clearance programme stand pipes have been eliminated in the Redditch Urban District.

Details of mains extensions during the year are as follows:-

Tippings Hill, Hunt End.	676 yds.	3"	P.V.C.
New End Road, Feckenham.	714 yds.	3"	P.V.C.
Howard Road, Studley.	255 yds.)	8"	P.V.C.
	107 yds.)	6"	P.V.C.
Feckenham Road, Astwood Bank.	64 yds.	2"	P.V.C.

Total:-

1,816 yds

FOOD PREMISES

There are in the urban area 331 food premises and a report in more detail will be made in the next annual report:-

	<u>No.</u>	<u>No. of inspections</u>
Slaughterhouses	1	384
Markets	1	107
Bakehouses	4	4
Confectioners	26	23
Butchers	31	96
Grocers and Greengrocers	130	417
Fishmongers and fried fish shops	16	43
Restaurants, cafes, factory and school canteens	61	83
Ice cream vendors and manufacturers	105	146
Licensed premises (including clubs)	62	134
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Total:-	332	1,437
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There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

CONDEMNED FOOD

The following is a list of foodstuffs surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

Meat	.....	298	tins
Vegetables	.....	67	"
Fish	.....	25	"
Fruit	.....	170	"
Tomatoes	.....	88	"
Evap. Milk	.....	6	"
Cream	.....	5	"
Cereals	.....	10	"
Soup	.....	5	"
Preserves	.....	3	"
Baby foods	.....	20	"
Lemonade	.....	5	"

36 packets Raisins
38 lbs Butter
944 lbs Meat
12 lbs Cooked Meat
2 x 10 cartons Ducklings

Frozen Foods

190	Packets	Fish	314	packets	Vegetables
21	"	Fish Cakes	6	Quarter	Chickens
20	"	Chips			
168	"	Meat, etc.			

ICE CREAM

One hundred and five premises are registered to retail ice cream and of these four are registered to manufacture. During the year 186 inspections were made and 28 samples of ice cream were taken. Details of these samples are as follows:-

Bacteriological Samples

There are four provisional grades for ice cream. Grades 1 and 2 are satisfactory and grades 3 and 4 are unsatisfactory. Of the 21 samples taken 14 were Grade 1, 3 Grade 2 and 4 Grade 4. An investigation was carried out concerning the 4 unsatisfactory samples which were produced in Birmingham. Subsequent samples taken from this source were Grade 1.

Chemical Samples

The minimum chemical standard for ice cream is 5% fat and 7½% solids not fat. Of the 7 samples taken the highest fat content was 10.8% and the lowest 6.7%. The average was 9.7%. The highest solids not fat was 12.6% and the lowest 10.3%. The average was 11.4%. All samples taken were satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

1,437 inspections were made at food premises as compared with 1,162 the previous year. Of the 31 butchers shops, 12 are multiple concerns. Two local butchers use licensed slaughterhouses situated outside the district. The remaining butchers buy off the hook from wholesalers operating from Stratford, Kidderminster and Bromsgrove.

The bacon factory was closed in October and it is proposed to convert these premises into a canning factory. The Council made a charge of 6d. per pig, which produced an income of £412.

Two prosecutions were taken during the year for foodstuff sold not being the quality demanded. In one case the vendor was fined £25 and costs for selling a mouldy steak and kidney pie. The other case of a fly in a tin of farm boned chicken was unconditionally discharged because it was imported.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle (ex.Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
No.killed(if known)	-	-	-	-	16,460
No.inspected	-	-	-	-	16,460
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	80
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1,785
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	11.33%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	654
Percentage of the number affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	3.97%

RODENT CONTROL

Local authority premises such as refuse tips and sewage works are regularly inspected and treated when necessary. The analysis of inspections and treatments is as follows:-

Inspections:

Number of domestic premises inspected	...	...	1,558
Number of business premises inspected	...	...	248
Number of local authority premises inspected	...	...	263
Number of farms inspected	...	...	57
Total number of premises inspected	...	...	<u>2,126</u>
Total no.of inspections,including re-inspections...	<u>2,666</u>

Infestations found:

Total number of infestations found	484
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Analysis of Infestations:

Number of infestations found (Rats)(Major)	4
Number of infestations found (Rats)(Minor)	449
Total number of infestations found(Rats)	...	...	<u>453</u>
Number of infestations found (Mice)(Major)	...	...	-
Number of infestations found (Mice)(Minor)	...	...	31
Total number of infestations found(Mice)	...	...	<u>31</u>

Treatment:

Number of first treatments	...	...	455
Total number of visits for treatment	...	...	<u>1,431</u>

Analysis of First Treatments:

Number of first treatments(Rats)(Major)	...	...	15
Number of first treatments(Rats)(Minor)	...	...	416
Number of first treatments(Mice)(Major)	...	...	-
Number of first treatments(Mice)(Minor)	...	...	24
Total number of treatments(Rats and Mice)	...	...	<u>455</u>

Sewer Maintenance Treatment:

Number of sewer maintenance treatments	...	...	2
Number of manhaoles baited	...	...	213

Bait Base:- Pinhead Oatmeal and Fluoracedamide (3%)

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951:

The main purpose of this Act is to improve the standard of cleanliness of fillings used in upholstery and for the registration of premises where this work is carried out. It does not apply to the remaking or reconditioning of furniture. When the Act came into operation in 1951, two premises were registered under these provisions. They have since ceased to manufacture furniture and are not now subject to the provisions of this Act.

HOUSING:

During the year 15 houses were represented as follows:-

Clearance Areas:-

William Street Clearance Area	...	7 houses
Windsor Street Clearance Area	...	3 houses

Individual houses:

Toll House, Dagnell End Road	-	Closing Order
297, Birchfield Road	-	" "
Tintagel, Astwood Hill, Astwood Bank	-	" "
Yew Tree Cottage, Astwood Hill, Astwood Bank	-	" "
Flat 7, The Gables, Birchfield Road	-	" "

During the year 44 unfit houses were demolished as follows:-

9, 2/9, 11, 3/11. 13, 4/13, 15, 17, 17a, 5 Court 1 and 6 Court 1
Hewell Road.
13, 13a, 15, 15a, 27, 1/27 and 29 Adelaide Street.
37, Castle Street, Astwood Bank.
3, The Mayfields.
34, 36, 38, 1/38, 40, 2/40, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58 & 60 Edward Street.
2, 4 and 6 Bridge Street.
61, 63 and 65 Birchfield Road.
55, 57 and 59 Ipsley Street.
10, 12 and 14 Bates Hill.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	391
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	633
(2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under subhead(1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	312
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	312
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	51
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation	...	43

REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their officers ...

35

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(a)	Proceedings under Section 9,10 & 12 of the Housing Act,1957		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered so fit after service of formal notices:-		
(a)	By Owners:-	...	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners:-	...	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	8
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-		
(a)	By Owners:-	...	8
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners:-	...	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act,1957		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	5
(2)	Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	44
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act,1957		
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit	...	Nil

HOUSING ACT,1957 PART 1V OVERCROWDING

(a)(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year) No accurate information available
(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	
(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	
(c)(1)	No.of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	
(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of the overcrowding	

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Ministry of Labour L.A. Circular 5. In addition to the information requested in tables A.B.C.D.E.and F, details are also given in table G of contraventions found and work done to comply with the provisions of the Act.

Of the 288 registered premises 89 were inspected during the year. Five premises were registered during the year and 13 registrations cancelled, (offices 4, shops 9). All the premises on the register have now been inspected and they comply with the provisions of the Act.

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No.of premises registered during the year.	No.of registered premises at end of year.	No.of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	2	88	23
Retail shops	2	159	46
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	6	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	34	18
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
Totals:-	5	288	89

TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR.

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed.
Offices	653
Retail shops	839
Wholesale departments, warehouses	64
Catering establishments open to the public and canteens	193
Fuel storage depots	1
Total:-	1,750
Total males:-	782
" females:-	968

TABLE DEXEMPTIONS

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Nil

TABLE EPROSECUTIONS

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Nil

TABLE FINSPECTORS

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1)
or (5) of the Act - 5

Number of other staff employed for most of their time
on work in connection with the Act - Nil

TABLE G CONTRAVENTIONS

Contraventions	Notices Served	Notices Complied ^x
Cleanliness	32	33
Lighting	9	13
Ventilation	6	1
Washing Facilities	6	21
Sanitary Accommodation	16	30
Floors, Passages & Stairs	22	32
Temperature	10	17
Information for Employees	17	36
Clothing Accommodation	3	4
First Aid	13	12
Drinking Water	1	1
Sitting Facilities	-	5
Dangerous Machinery	1	5
Accumulations	3	2
Eating Facilities	-	1
Overcrowding	1	1
Total number of Informal Notices served:- 58		

^x Some of the notices complied with were served in 1966.

FACTORIES1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS
AS TO HEALTH

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities ...	33	-	-	-
(2) Factories not in- cluded in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	286	42	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding outworkers' premises ...	9	6	-	-
Total:- ...	328	48	-	-

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient ...	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective ...	4	4	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes ...	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:- ...	4	4	-	-	-

I have the honour to be, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. H. Champion,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

